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## RULES GOVERNING REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Election to Be Held at All Voting Precincts Between Hours of Nine and Four--All Entries Must Be Made by March 15.

The subcommittee, selected to draft rules to govern the republican primary called for March 25 to nominate candidates for sheriff and tax assessor met Saturday and adopted the following:

1. The polls shall be opened at all the voting precincts in the county at 9 a. m. and shall close at 4 p. m.

2. All known republicans who would be entitled to vote in the August, 1916, election, shall be entitled to vote in said primary; provided the person thus offering to vote shall pledge himself to support the nominees of said primary; and provided further that the right to challenge the vote of any person under these rules shall be given to any republican who is entitled to vote, but when said challenge is made, the judges shall hear complaints and determine whether or not said voter is entitled to vote in said primary.

3. That all persons desiring to become candidates for any office under these rules shall signify their intention by notifying the Chairman or Secretary of the Executive Committee in writing at least ten days before the date of said primary, and paying the entrance fee hereinafter provided for.

4. The expenses for holding the primary shall be estimated and made up by March 15, 1916, and shall be paid by the candidates equally, and any candidate failing or refusing to pay his part of the expenses on or before the date fixed herein, shall be barred from entering said primary as a candidate under these rules. Said expenses to be estimated and made up by the Chairman and Secretary of the executive committee.

5. The returns of said primary shall be forwarded or sent to the Chairman, Geo. P. Burnett, or Secretary, S. C. Bishop, as soon as possible after said primary, but in any event they must be sent in so as to reach said Chairman or Secretary by noon of March 30, 1916.

6. The subcommittee, composed of Geo. P. Burnett, S. C. Bishop, S. C. Cline, Jere Morrow and A. L. Garrison, shall meet at noon on March 30, 1916, and canvass said returns and declare the nominees, and any candidate in said primary may be present in person or by a representative to witness the canvass. The person receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be declared the nominee.

7. Any candidate desiring to contest the nomination of his opponent shall signify his intentions by notifying the Chairman of the Executive Committee in writing within ten days after the subcommittee has canvassed the returns, and setting forth the specific grounds upon which he intends to contest said nomination. If such notice is filed with the Chairman, it shall be his duty to call the entire executive committee together within ten days after the time allowed to file such contest. The said executive committee shall hear proof on said specifications and decide said contest therefrom and the action of said committee shall be final.

8. Each candidate in said primary shall be given an equal division of the officers to hold said election in as far as it is possible to do so. Said officers to hold said election shall be appointed by the Chairman and Secretary of the executive committee from a list of voters to be submitted by the candidates, but in case the candidates fail to furnish said list, then said Chairman and Secretary shall appoint said officers to hold said election independent of said list.

Said officers are to be appointed at least ten days before said primary and are to be published in the Crossville Chronicle at least one time before said primary.

Geo. P. Burnett, Chairman.  
S. C. Bishop, Secretary.  
Jere Morrow,  
A. L. Garrison,  
S. C. Cline.

## HELP FOR ROADS.

Tax All Vehicles and Apply Proceeds to Road Improvements.

Judge Sam Edwards, of Cookeville, is one of the most insistent, never-say-die, good roads enthusiasts in the state. So persistently earnest is he about good roads that his mind works like a forty-horsepower auto engine trying to devise a way to raise more funds for roads.

He favors the passage of a law similar to the one that places a tax on automobiles. He favors a law taxing buggies fifty cents, one-horse wagons one dollar, two-horse wagons two dollars and log wagons three dollars a year. He would have the amount paid to the county clerk of the respective counties and a small metal tag be given along with the license and that tag fastened to the vehicle.

Judge Edwards stated to the writer that he hoped to get such a bill passed by the next legislature.

The idea advanced by Judge Edwards is a good one and would furnish a very substantial increase to the funds usually available for roads.

If Judge Edwards will also incorporate in his proposed measure the wide-tire idea, he will have done more for good roads in Tennessee than any other single person, provided he is able to get it on the statute books. That should be a task of no great magnitude at this time when there is so much enthusiasm over road improvement.

## BAND ENTERTAINMENT

Brought Out a Good House and Was a Rousing Success.

The entertainment by the Crossville Concert band brought out a house Friday night that taxed the seating capacity of the circuit court room, and netted the band boys about \$50.

From start to finish there was not a dull or uninteresting number on the program. The splendid manner in which every one carried out his part was something of a surprise as so good and complete an entertainment was hardly to be expected, considering the short time in which they had to prepare it. Less than two months ago the first horns were received for the band and many of the boys could not even make a noise on them without practice, so new was the effort to them.

The burnt cork work they rendered was splendid and elicited much applause from the audience. Not in many months has there been any effort presented to our people that brought out so much praise for the excellence of the exercises. The public was so well pleased with the first effort that they will be eager to attend any future entertainments the band boys may decide to present.

That P. L. Wooten is a competent leader of the spinning work he has accomplished in so short a time. Our people just begin to realize his ability and now appreciate the fact that we were very fortunate in securing his services for establishing a band in our town.

## ROOSEVELT IN MICHIGAN.

Col. Roosevelt has taken a straightforward and intelligent course in asking the authorities in Michigan to keep his name off the presidential preference ballot of both Republican and Progressive parties.

This does not mean that he could not be drafted for the nomination if circumstances subsequently pointed in that direction, but rather that he will not, at this stage of the game, become an open and avowed candidate. Here is a distinction which other men among the "mentioned" would do well to maintain.

Mr. Roosevelt believes, so his friends tell us, that he could not be elected if nominated. In this he is probably correct.

He believes his largest influence will be outside the field of direct political aspiration. Here again he is probably correct, surely for the present.

Whether his withdrawal will allay the agitation of his admirers in various parts of the country, remains to be seen.—Boston Herald.

## COUNTY SOLONS DO SPLENDID WORK.

County Sanitation Provided for, Free Lime for Farming Tests and Tax Committee Appointed to Devise Better Assessment

When the January term of county court convened last week all justices were present. An unusual amount of business was transacted and the term extended to noon of the second day. Judge G. P. Burnett made his usual quarterly report, which was accepted by the court.

The report of the county judge showed \$16,000 railroad bonds outstanding and \$19,000 court house bonds outstanding. There being available funds on hand for the purpose the court directed that Judge Burnett take up \$2,000 in court house bonds. After the \$2,000 court house bonds are cancelled the total remaining indebtedness of the county will be close to \$76,000. Of this amount \$2,255 is bridge warrants that were issued for building bridges and are not yet due.

County Health Officer E. W. Mitchell made his report, which was accepted, and it shows that there are now no contagious diseases prevalent in the county. He recommended that practically all the bedding used by the prisoners in the jail be burned and new be supplied as a sanitary measure. He reports the poorhouse in good condition and the inmates doing well.

Poorhouse Commissioner H. R. Webb's report was read and accepted.

## SCHOOL FUND

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. S. Cline made his report for the scholastic year ending June 30, 1915. In this connection Judge Burnett took occasion to correct an erroneous statement that had been publicly made by one of the county board of education wherein the charge had been made that Crossville is receiving more than its due share of the school fund of the county. Judge Burnett stated that the entire school fund was divided by the total number of scholars enumerated and on that basis the amount due per scholar was turned over by the trustees to the city authorities of Crossville, which showed conclusively that Crossville does not receive more than its just part of the public school fund. The statement by Judge Burnett was verified by Superintendent J. S. Cline and Chairman M. L. Taylor of the board of education. Judge Burnett further explained that the reason why the school term in Crossville is longer than in the rural schools is that the corporation of Crossville levies a tax for school purposes to supplement that obtained from the county and by that means the people of Crossville pay for the extra schooling the children get over that enjoyed by the rural schools.

## ROAD BONDS.

Road Commissioner R. E. Hamby made his report, which was accepted. It was ordered that blanks be furnished the road commissioners and overseers on which to make complete report. Mr. Hamby was re-elected for the ensuing year.

Francis Myers was elected road commissioner for the second district and T. L. Hale for the third district and J. R. Smith for the fourth district.

## COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

On going into an election for county physician the names of Dr. V. L. Lewis and Dr. W. A. Reed were presented. The vote stood six for Reed and five for Lewis. Dr. Reed was declared elected.

The salary of the county physician was fixed at \$350 and his duties prescribed.

J. E. Converse appeared before the court and presented some very convincing figures as to the advisability of using lime for better crops. He also asked that the county appropriate \$700 for a county agricultural demonstration agent. The proposition was lost by one vote, the vote standing five for and six against.

## COUNTY SANITATION.

Dr. R. Q. Lillard, secretary of the state board of health, appeared before the court and urged that an appropriation of \$300 be made for sanitation work throughout the county. The appropriation was voted on the understanding that the state would furnish \$900 for the same purpose.

Seven hundred dollars was transferred from the railroad fund to the High School fund.

## NOTARIES PUBLIC

A. Lee, D. E. Hamby, U. S. Rose and H. L. Woody were elected notaries public. J. D. McFarney made his report as chief probation officer of the county and asked for fifty dollars for his services from April 1, 1914, to January 1, 1916. The report was accepted except the amount asked and the court then fixed the salary at \$10 a year.

The question of building a bridge at the old Genesis place was deferred until the Dixie Highway be located in that district or until the April term of court.

John Ettien was allowed \$2.50 for lumber furnished the road commissioner of the first district.

A petition was presented to the court asking for a voting precinct to be created at Hales Chapel. The request was filed for action at the July term, as six months is required to elapse before voting precincts can be created.

## OLD CLAIMS.

It seems there is some attorney at Washington, D. C., who is wanting a fee for looking after certain claims that he says are in sight there whereby this county can secure certain sums of money. An order was passed authorizing Judge Burnett to employ an attorney to look after the said claims, if in his judgement such a course is advisable, but in no event is the county to be liable for any costs or attorneys' fees. It seems the lawyer will not tell what the claims are or give any information until he is employed. Indications are that it is a fraud and Judge Burnett is not at all liable to engage the lawyer or any other person on any such flimsy grounds.

## LIME PULVER COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed to purchase the lime pulver made its report, which showed that they had purchased the pulver equipment at a cost of a little over \$1400 and had in addition purchased 57 acres of land at Crab Orchard for \$1,000. It was explained that the purchase of the land was rendered necessary because no satisfactory terms could be arranged with any land owner for securing the necessary lime rock. It is the purpose of the committee to charge residents \$1.00 a ton and non-residents \$1.25 until such a time as it becomes apparent that a less charge can be safely made.

Archie Beadle was permanently released from road work and payment of poll tax. Henry Wyatt and George Kindrick were released in the same manner and Henry Green for one year.

## ROAD BONDS.

A resolution was presented to the court by the bond buyers to be spread of record, which was accepted. Also a copy of the bonds and coupons in the words used was presented and spread of record. The bonds are to bear interest from January 1, 1916, the interest to be due and payable semi-annually on January and July 1, of each year. The bonds are to run for forty years, which will make them fall due January 1, 1956, but may be paid all or in part at any interest period after January 1, 1936, after sixty days published notice. The bonds are to be signed by the county clerk and not by the county judge as in most cases. This was deemed necessary and was incorporated in the passage of the act abolishing the office of county judge, which was gotten through the legislature by Senator Wilson at its last term.

## SPECIAL TAX COMMITTEE.

The following order was spread of record: "That a special committee be appointed by the court, that Esq. C. L. Dratherage, R. A. Powell, D. W. Lundy, E. G. Tollett, A. J. McGuire and Geo. P. Burnett be and they are hereby appointed a special committee to devise and recommend to the county assessor some equitable and fair plan for assessing real estate of the county so that the realty may be more nearly assessed at its actual cash value, and that the assessment may be equalized so far as possible, that all property of the same class and character may be given the same valuation. Said committee will also so investigate the tax rate now in force and recommend to the next term of this court a rate based on the assessed valuation that will produce revenue to run the county for 1916, lowering or raising the rate as the conditions justify. It is recommended by the court that the assessor do not make any assessment until said committee has made its recommendations to him, and that he follow said recommendations as closely as possible in making his assessment."

## FREE LIME.

The court passed an order giving to each justice one car of thirty tons of ground lime stone to be distributed to fifteen farmers in his district and the lime for each farmer is to be applied to not more than one acre and report made of the results at the end of the year or after, if required. The ground lime is to be furnished f. o. b. Crab Orchard, which means those who receive lime will pay the freight on same.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

J. A. Hodgins Invites the Band and Numerous Friends to a Banquet on His 71st Birthday.

Wednesday evening the members of the Crossville band and several invited guests were the recipients of a most bounteous supper at the Nicholas House as the guests of J. A. Hodgins, of Kouts, Indiana.

At the appointed hour the city band met at the Nicholas House and played several familiar airs, after which they and the other invited guests repaired to the dining room, where Mr. Hodgins as host had caused two long tables to be prepared and loaded with the choicest viands. Nearly thirty people partook of the splendid banquet that had been prepared in the most elaborate manner of the splendid cuisine of the Nicholas House, that is noted for many counties around as one of the best hotels of this section of the state.

After the banquet Judge G. P. Burnett, on behalf of the band and other invited guests, extended most hearty thanks for the splendid banquet served and for the most delightful evening spent.

"Uncle Jimmy" Hodgins, as he is familiarly known by his numerous friends here as well as in Indiana, is an old federal soldier who is bubbling over with patriotism, and good will toward everybody. In his home post he holds the position of Patriotic Instructor and it is quite clear that no one better prepared to inspire others with the true spirit of patriotism could have been chosen.

Mr. Hodgins has been here only a few weeks, but his kindly and genial bearing has won for him many friends who will wish for him many returns of the day that marked the seventy-first mile stone of his life.

## Creston

Rev. W. E. Gentry, of Cookeville, filled his regular appointment at Bakers Cross Roads Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morrow went to Crossville Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Pritchard and Miss Ida Beatty have been visiting friends in Dorton for a few days.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hyder was made happy by the arrival of a new girl. Mother and child doing well.

B. L. Duncan visited friends in Crossville recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boatman have moved to Deermont. Their many friends here regret to have them leave, but we wish them happiness wherever their home may be.

Andy Elmore, of Crossville, was in this neighborhood recently.

Miss Arminta Turner, of Pomona, was here Wednesday.

Rev. J. W. Linkous returned from Nashville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bristow visited friends in Grassy Cove this week.

Chas. Spencer and sister, Miss Mary, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer Sunday.

Revs. Baxter and Elrod and Mr. Smith gave the Creston Sunday school a treat Saturday morning.

Jan. 10. Violet.

Leon Bristow went to Nashville Wednesday to have an operation performed for appendicitis. They operated on him Thursday morning. He is reported to be doing well. He was accompanied by his wife and Chas. Spencer.

Ruby, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Parsons, has been quite sick, but is some better now.

Wm. Morrow has sold his farm here and is going to move to Pomona.

Misses Frances and Nancy Smith were guests of Miss Addie Taylor Sunday.

Taylor Spencer has been suffering from a severe attack of la grippe, but is much better now.

Johnny Duncan has been very sick, but is better.

Mrs. E. A. Smith and family visited Mrs. Mark Parsons Thursday.

H. C. Duncan has had a severe attack of la grippe, but is better.

Jan. 17. Violet.

## HUERTA DEAD.

Gen. Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, died at El Paso, Texas Thursday night, at his home. He died of liver troubles. He was 61 years old December 23, last.

The remains were temporarily interred at El Paso. It is stated that his friends wish to return his body to Mexico after the war and asked when that might be done. The reply is said to have been: "Not in a thousand years." He was an Indian and always took pride in the fact.